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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 March 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Roberts et al. [3140423].

Roberts discloses a current-carrying, substantially coil-shaped primary winding 2; a coil core 1 in which a primary magnetic field is inducible via the primary winding 2; a substantially coil-shaped secondary winding 3 in which an energy field that controls at least one spark plug is able to be built up due to the primary magnetic field; and a premagnetization device (4, 5) for forming a premagnetization field opposite the primary magnetic field and being effective at the coil core 1, wherein the premagnetization device includes a current-carrying, substantially coil-shaped premagnetization winding 4 [Col. 1, Lines 45-60, Figure 1].

Regarding claim 10, Roberts discloses the primary winding 2 and the premagnetization winding 4 are wound around the coil core 1 substantially parallel to one another [Col. 1, Lines 27-31].

Regarding claim 11, Roberts discloses current flow directions of electric currents in adjoining turns of the primary winding 2 and the premagnetization winding are oriented in an anti-parallel manner [Col. 2, Lines 10-18].

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Regarding claim 12, Roberts discloses the current supply connections of the primary winding 2 and the premagnetization winding 4 are separate from one another [Col. 1, Lines 45-50, Figure 1] and [Col. 2, Lines 1-3, Figure 1].

Regarding claim 13, Roberts discloses the primary winding 2 and the premagnetization winding 4 have a common current supply connection [see Figure 1].

Regarding claim 14, Roberts discloses a series resistor 9 connected between the current supply connection and the premagnetization winding 4 [see Figure 1].

Regarding claim 15, Roberts discloses an end 7 of the premagnetization winding 4 opposite the current supply connection is connected to a ground [Col. 2, Lines 20-21].

Regarding claim 16, Roberts discloses the primary winding 2 and the premagnetization winding 4 are wound up on the coil core 1 as a single multi-layer winding, the multi-layer winding is cut at least at one point for separating the primary winding 2 and the premagnetization winding 4, and the free ends are contacted for a connecting purpose [Col. 1, Lines 27-35, Figure 1].

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSELITO BAISA whose telephone number is (571)272-7132.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30 am to 2:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad can be reached on (571) 272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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